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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

OCHIAI ET AL.

Examiner

Jason P Salce

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,6-14 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 6-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 6/28/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Mankovitz's teaching of the first and second broadcast stream being equated to a signal source and the channels within that signal source is incorrect. Examiner disagrees. As an example, the examiner notes an MPEG broadcast stream, which has a signal source that divides the bandwidth into 6Mhz channel slots, each slots containing the video for a particular channel and any other supplemental data provided therein. Applicant's claim limitations are broad and simply recite a first and second broadcast stream. Examiner notes that each 6Mhz bandwidth signal, or any other method of transmitting an analog or digital broadcast reads on the broad limitation of "a first and second broadcast stream", because each channel that resides in the signal source is considered a broadcast stream. Further, Mankovitz teaches receiving a broadcast stream from multiple sources, such as an antenna or satellite, and that these sources contain a unified notation for interpretation by the set-top box.

Applicant also argues that Williams does not disclose a unified notation identifying a first and second broadcast stream. Examiner notes that Williams teaches a unified notation in Figure 3, where a source is identified in the received data. Therefore, Williams not only provides data from the Internet, but also provides a unified notation to do so.

Therefore, all rejections stand, and this Office Action is made final. The examiner also notes, that as discussed per the Interview dated 10/9/02, if the limitations of claim 7 (time zone limitations) are written into independent claim 6 (similar to claim 16), the case would be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-9, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Mankovitz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,341,195).

Referring to claim 6, Mankovitz discloses a broadcast resource receiver receiving at least a first broadcast stream (see television 14 in Figure 1), where the broadcast resource receiver is responsive to a unified notation (Column 8, Lines 2-6). Mankovitz also discloses that the unified notation identifies a first broadcast stream and a second broadcast stream (see "channel" and "signal source" parameter of the unified notation taught at Column 8, Lines 2-6). Nowhere does the unified notation taught at Column 8, Lines 2-6 define a capture route, capture time, and inherent name, therefore, the unified notation is "independent" of these parameters.

Mankovitz also discloses a communication resource receiver receiving at least a second broadcast stream, and is responsive to the unified notation (see recorder 742 in Figure 1 and Column 8, Lines 2-6).

Mankovitz also discloses a reception route selection apparatus being responsive to the unified notation (Column 3, Lines 8-18 and Column 8, Lines 2-19), the reception route selection apparatus selecting either the broadcast resource receiver or the communication resource receiver (see Figure 1 and Column 3, Lines 8-18) for receiving one of the broadcast streams based on a broadcast time (see "start time" at Column 8, Lines 2-6).

Mankovitz also teaches route selection for capturing a broadcast stream dependent upon a broadcast time (see Figure 1, Column 3, Lines 8-18, and Column 8, Lines 2-6).

Referring to claim 6, Mankovitz teaches a start time, end time and broadcast code at Column 8, Lines 2-6.

Referring to claims 8-9, see rejection of claims 3-4, respectively.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mankovitz et al. in view of Williams et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,157,411).

Referring to claim 10, Mankovitz teaches all the limitations in claim 6, but fails to teach that a broadcast stream can comprise an Internet broadcast program. Williams teaches storing data from multiple sources into a unified format, and that one of the sources can provide Internet broadcast streams (Column 5, Lines 62-67 and Column 6, Lines 1-5 and Column 7, Lines 21-28 and element 231 in Figure 2). At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the unified data format, as taught by Mankovitz, using the URL trait data that comprises a unified data format, as taught by Williams, for the purpose of allowing a user to access additional online data (Column 4, Lines 16-20 of Williams).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 7 and 11-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason P Salce whose telephone number is (703) 305-1824. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8am-6pm (every other Friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Faile can be reached on (703) 305-4380. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.



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